Overhead studies for private nd public sector

2607. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI ABDUL SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overhead study for BOXN Wagon is in progress in the Cost Accounts Branch;

(b) whether study of all the unit is proposed to be carried out to prevent manipulations in the results;

(c) whether overhead rates for private companies and public sector would be determined separately as against the weighted average which was being done to give benefit to private sector units;

(d) by when the results of the study would be known; and

(e) whether there is any difference in the findings of the BICP and Cost Accounts Branch on the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance have already submitted their Report on overhead study in respect of wagons, including BOX-N wagons, to the Ministry of Railways. It covers all the units. The overhead rates for private companies, public sector companies and for the industry as a whole, as required by the Ministry of Railways, were indicated in the Report.

(e) Does not arise as BICP have not carried out a study for the period for which reference was made by the Ministry of Railways to the Cost Accounts Branch.

Seniority List of ICAS Officers

2608. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether seniority list of the officers of Indian Cost Accounts Service has not been drawn, if so, what are the reasons for the same;

(b) by when the seniority list would be drawn and made available to the house;

(c) whether it is a fact that seniority list is being delibrately manipulated to confer benefit to some officers; and

(d) what steps have been taken to discontinue direct recruitment at the level of Deputy Director in accordance with the practice followed by other services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Seniority Lists of officers in the various grades of the Indian Cost Accounts Service are already available. These are updated from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is not proposed to discontinue direct recruitment at the level of Deputy Director (Cost).

False claims settled by New India Assurance company

2609. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news item captioned "Surveyors racket in insurance claims" as reported in the Times of India dated 5-6-93;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof;

(c) whether the officials of the New India Assurance Company and the surveyors are in nexus in settling false insurance claims;

(d) whether Government propose to probe the matter through CBI;